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1. ON BASIS PRICE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CONGRESSMAN DENT JULY 8, TREASURY PROCEEDING WITH REVIEW OF PETITION ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED BY DENT ON JUNE 19 (DESCRIBED REFTL (A)). TREASURY HAS 30 DAYS SUBSEQUENT TO JULY 8 TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO INITIATE FORMAL INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED DUMPING IN U.S. MARKET OF FOREIGN-MADE AUTOMOBILES AND CERTAIN SMALL TRUCKS. IF DECISION IS TO PROCEED WITH INVESTIGATION, TREASURY WOULD THEN HAVE SIX MONTHS, WITH POSSIBILITY OF THREE-MONTH EXTENSION, TO MAKE DETERMINATION OF SALES AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF U.S. ANTIDUMPING LAW.

2. CONGRESSMAN DENT'S PETITION MENTIONS VIRTUALLY EVERY MAKE OF AUTOMOBILE AND SOME SMALL TRUCKS IMPORTED INTO U.S. FROM ACTION POST COUNTRIES. DENT HAD PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED A PROPOSED HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATION BE UNDERTAKEN. RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO HIS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LABOR STANDARDS. TREASURY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS NORMAL PRACTICE, IS DECLINING COMMENT ON PETITION UNTIL DECISION REACHED WHETHER TO INITIATE FORMAL INVESTIGATION.

3. WHILE PETITION IS UNDER STUDY, EMBASSY RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS SHOULD BE LOW-KEY AND CONFINED TO ESSENTIAL FACTS MENTIONED ABOVE. POSTS WILL BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS. INGERSOLL

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